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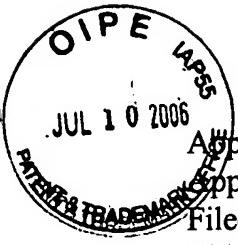
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## AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-15 have been canceled. Claims 16-20 have been amended. The amendment leaves claims 16-20 pending.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.